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FAREWELL.

In July, 1911, we began publishing the Bulletin for the purpose of giving publicity to the campaign then being launched to raise a fund of \$200,000 for our three educational institutions and for eighteen months the little publication has gone on its errand, telling the Presbyterians of the Synod of South Carolina, and some others, of the progress of the enterprise. Now that the "Simultaneous Canvass" by presbyteries is over and the fund well nigh completed the little paper has served its purpose, and so will be discontinued.

We have sought to give the widest possible publicity to the campaign, desiring that our people should know what we were doing, why and how we were doing it, and also the results of their combined efforts. Now that the Bulletin is to be no longer published we will substitute for it a letter to the churches to keep them informed of the further progress of our enterprise, until the work is brought to a successful completion. This letter will be sent to all the pastors of the Synod, and also to the clerks of the sessions of those churches that are without a pastor.

FINANCIAL RESULTS.

Of course you want to know how the subscriptions stand. Here is a statement by Presbyteries:

29 churches of Pee Dee Presbytery have subscribed....	\$ 25,000
23 churches of Piedmont Presbytery have subscribed...	9,550
45 churches and the two colleges of Enoree Presbytery have subscribed	47,706
47 churches of Bethel Presbytery have subscribed.....	37,916
26 churches of South Carolina Presbytery have subscribed	11,926
35 churches of Harmony Presbytery have subscribed....	20,115
14 churches and the Seminary of Charleston Presbytery have subscribed	22,440
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219 churches of the Synod have subscribed.....	\$174,653

Thus it is seen that a little more than \$25,000 is needed to complete the fund to \$200,000.

The raising of this balance presents a task to the Presbyterians of South Carolina that is fraught with large interests and grave responsibilities. In no little way are we facing a crisis. We said we were going to raise \$200,000. The major portion of this has been subscribed. We are under obligation to get the balance. Can we do it?

The committee in charge of the campaign think we can—do you? From the first we have had faith in the ultimate success of the enterprise, and now we must press on until our efforts are crowned with complete victory.

THE PLAN OF PROCEDURE TO COMPLETE THE TASK.

It is not surprising that in employing the simultaneous canvass method that some churches did not find it convenient to co-operate or that other churches did not operate the scheme at the time fixed with entire success.

It is the purpose of the committee to now go back to these churches and request them to help by using the old method of making, or allowing to be made, a canvass of the membership by a few individuals. The committee will prosecute this method just as rapidly and vigorously as it can.

We believe the churches that have not yet done their part are interested and loyal, and that now, when their help is needed and will count for so much, that they will gladly join hands with the others and contribute to this great enterprise. In addition we will

likely call upon certain individuals, members of our Church above the average in wealth, to make a subscription in addition to what they have given through their church. In these two ways we hope to soon complete the fund to \$200,000.00.

ADDITIONAL RESULTS.

While the financial results of the campaign are large, there are others that are by no means small.

It is certain that the Presbyterians of South Carolina know more about their three institutions of higher learning, their past history, their present condition, and their prospects and needs than ever before, and with the increased knowledge has come increased interest and loyalty. The schools have a larger place in the minds and hearts of the people than ever. They will pray for them more intelligently and earnestly and support them more willingly and generously.

The presidents of the institutions, two of them having assumed their new duties near the beginning of the campaign, returning to us from other Synods, have had an unsurpassed opportunity of meeting large numbers of the Church in a most delightful way.

This campaign has been a great getting together of the Church, and it will not soon forget the pleasure it has enjoyed nor lose the blessing it has received by the united service it has rendered. May this be but the beginning of a better day, a day of increased effort and larger fruitfulness, for our beloved Church.

THE WORTH OF A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

In the *Youth's Companion* of January 2d there is a most interesting article by the late Wm. T. Snead, in which he says:

"On what trifles, seemingly as light as air, do the destinies of nations hang! Between fifty and sixty years ago the Eastern world was convulsed with war. Six nations sent their sons to fight and die in the Crimea in order to secure forever the integrity of the Ottoman Empire. While they were thus engaged * * * it so happened that one fine day an American citizen, named Robert, saw a boat cross the Bosphorus to Scutari laden with loaves of bread that seemed to have been baked in an American oven. Attracted by the homelike appearance of the loaves, he inquired whence they came. He was told that Mr. Hamlin, an American missionary, who kept a school at a village called Bebeck, had a contract to supply Florence Nightingale's hospital with bread, and that these loaves were baked by his pupils.

Robert sought out this pastor, who was combining the supply of the bread of earth with that of the bread of heaven, liked him, and fired by his zeal and enthusiasm, gave him thirty thousand dollars with which to found an American college in Turkey.

It was only a trifling sum, but it has produced and is producing more wide-reaching and permanent results than the thousand million dollars that the European nations were then lavishing on their armies in the Crimea. For that small endowment was like the grain of mustard seed in the parable. In the college thus founded were reared and trained on American principles the men who twenty years afterward destroyed the integrity of the great Ottoman Empire by founding the principality, now the kingdom, of Bulgaria, which is today the most thriving, the most advanced and the most powerful of all the Balkan States.

There are not so many Bulgarian students in Robert College now. The men trained there have founded schools and colleges in their own country. Out of a total revenue of thirty-five million dollars Bulgaria spends on education every year four million dollars—not a bad return for the thirty thousand dollars of American money given by Christopher Robert in 1856.

It is not a small thing to have laid the foundation of a new State, to have given shape to the latent aspirations of a nationality—and that is what the Americans did when they cradled the Bulgarian kingdom in the classrooms of Robert College. Even greater work than this they have done and are doing.

Great Britain, absorbed in diplomatic, naval and military affairs, has spent untold millions of dollars in propping up the political system established in the East. But today you look in vain for any lasting trace of good resulting from all her sacrifices. The American government, on the other hand, has spent nothing, and has accomplished nothing. But private American citizens, subscribing out of their own pockets sums that in fifty years might perhaps have equaled the amount spent to build one modern ironclad, have left in every province of the Ottoman Empire the imprint of their intelligence and of their character."

Oh, liberty loving men and women of South Carolina, if you desire to perpetuate the blessings of a free country and of a free church, then give your money for Christian education and send your sons and daughters to Christian schools where the Bible is taught as the Word of God!

